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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RETURN OF THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN - SCHEDULES
AND SCENARIOS

REF: BUDAPEST 4423

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE PROMPT AND COMPLETE OUTLINE
OF SCHEDULE AND SCENARIOS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. WE ARE AS
YET UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING SIZE
AND COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION AND REGARDING PRECISE
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES. WE RECOGNIZE HUNGARIANS NEED
FOR THIS (NOT TO MENTION YOURS), AND WILL RESPOND ASAP.

2. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION OF LUNCH ON JANUARY 6, WE WOULD
PREFER THAT THIS OCCASION BE USED FOR THE SECRETARY AND
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USDEL TO HAVE AN INFORMAL, PRIVATE LUNCH (IF POSSIBLE
BUFFET STYLE AT DUNA INTERCONTINENTAL.) YOU CAN EXPLAIN
TO HUNGARIANS THAT THIS WILL PROVIDE THE ONLY OPORTUNITY
FOR THE SECRETARY TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF USDEL BEFORE THE
OFFICIAL CEREMONIES BEGIN.

3. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LOSONCZI. WE NOTE AND APPROVE

MEDIA COVERAGE FOR THIS CALL AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION BY

USDEL. WE PLAN THAT THE SECRETARY WILL CONVEY A BRIEF MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT LOSONCZI FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. SINCE WE PLAN THAT THIS MESSAGE WILL ALSO BE MADE PUBLIC, WE WILL PLAN TO PROVIDE GOH WITH TEXT IN ADVANCE. PLEASE INFORM GOH.

4. TRANSFER OF THE CROWN. THE SECRETARY AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO LEAD THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WHICH WILL RETURN THE CROWN TO BE RECEIVED BY APRO AS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HUNGARIAN STATE. THE CHIEF AMERICAN TECHNICAL EXPERT, TENTATIVELY VICTOR COVEY, CHIEF OF CONSERVATION, NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, WILL BE AUTHORIZED ON BEHALF OF USG TO SIGN THE INVENTORY AND CONDITION REPORT WITH AN APPROPRIATE HUNGARIAN COUNTERPART. BUT THIS CANNOT BE A "TECHNICAL TRANSFER," SINCE ONLY THE US DELEGATION AND ITS HEAD CAN TRANSFER THE CROWN.

UNTIL THE FORMAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS EFFECTING TRANSFER IS COMPLETE, THE USG IS NOT REMOVED FROM ITS RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE CROWN. DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE ARRIVAL OF THE CROWN AND ITS TRANSFER BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ONE OR TWO AMERICAN OFFICIALS (STATE AND EMBASSY BUDAPEST OFFICERS) ON A SHIFT BASIS MUST ACCOMPANY AND REMAIN AT ALL

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TIMES IMMEDIATELY WITH THE CROWN AND REGALIA AND THE CROWN CANNOT BE DISPLAYED PUBLICLY.

WE DO NOT NEED THAT THIS AMERICAN PRESENCE BE PUBLIC OR THAT THE FORMAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BE A MEDIA EVENT. OUR ONLY CONCERN IS THAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY BE CARRIED OUT TO THE LAST MOMENT IN THE SAME CORRECT AND THOROUGH MANNER AS WE HAVE DONE FOR THIRTY THREE YEARS.

5. WE DO NOT WISH TO CAUSE MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO THE HUNGARIAN SCHEDULE BECAUSE OF OUR TRANSFER CONCERNS. WE ARE AGREEABLE TO THE EXPERTS DELEGATION GOING IMMEDIATELY FROM PLANESIDE TO PARLIAMENT WITH THE CROWN AND REGALIA AND COMPLETING ASAP THE INVENTORY AND CONDITION REPORT ONLY. YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TAKE PLACE DURING THE APRO MEETING, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE PUBLIC CEREMONY.

6. LOGISTICS. (A) WE DO AS YET NOT KNOW THE SPECIFIC TYPE OF AIRCRAFT THAT WILL CARRY USDEL AND THE CROWN. AS CHARGE IS AWARE THERE ARE TWO MAJOR CONTAINERS FOR THE REGALIA. THE TRUNK, APPROXIMATELY 56 BY 24 BY 20 WEIGHING

360 LBS. WILL, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS, BE TIED DOWN TO
A SMALL SKID SO THAT IT CAN BE MOVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT ON A

FORKLIFT. THE ROBE IS CONTAINED IN A SPECIAL SEMI-
CIRCULAR CASE, FIVE FEET IN RADIUS AND TWO INCHES THICK
WEIGHING ABOUT 160 POUNDS. IT IS CUMBERSOME BUT MANAGE-
ABLE. WE WILL FOLLOW WITH MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS.

(B) USDEL WILL FLY DIRECTLY TO BUDAPEST WITH ONE REFUELING
STOP. WE ASSUME MOST, BUT NOT ALL, USDEL MEMBERS WILL
PREFER TO REST AFTER ARRIVAL.

(C) USG REGULATIONS PROHIBIT ACCEPTANCE BY USDEL AND
PARTY OF THE GOH OFFER TO BE ITS GUESTS. WE ACCEPT OFFER
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